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## Schedule of Services

**Friday Evening, December 22nd.....8:30 P.M.**

... Guest Preacher

**RABBI FELIX LEVY**

Temple Emanuel of Chicago

**Subject: MOUNTAIN, FIELD AND HOUSE**

Rabbi Levy is one of the most distinguished figures in the American rabbinate. As President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, he directed the significant change in program and in practice which turned Reformist Judaism toward traditionalism. A scholar and orator, he has a vital message for everyone.

The service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat and reception to Rabbi Levy.

**Saturday Morning, December 23rd.....9:30 A.M.**

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

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**Friday Evening, December 29th.....8:30 P.M.**

**SPECIAL SERVICE IN HONOR OF  
COLLEGE STUDENTS AT HOME**

**RABBI STEINBERG: DOES A COLLEGE EDUCATION EDUCATE?**

What ought parents, the American community and students themselves expect from a college education? This theme of general interest but of special relevance to students will be discussed by Rabbi Steinberg. A cordial invitation is extended to college students, either resident in New York or at home for the mid-winter vacation.

An Oneg Shabbat and reception in the Vestry for college students will follow the service.

**Saturday Morning, December 30th.....9:30 A.M.**

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

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OUR GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Felix Levy who will occupy our pulpit on Friday evening, December 22nd, is, as a human being, one of the most colorful; as a rabbi, one of the most admirably equipped in the American Jewish ministry. A graduate of Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, he has for years served with distinction as the rabbi of Temple Emanuel of Chicago. A reformist rabbi, he was one of the leaders of the traditionalist movement among his colleagues. Elected President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis several years ago, he inspired and directed the revision of Reformist philosophy and practice in the direction of a more pronounced affirmation of traditional Jewish values.

A tie between our congregation and him exists in the fact that Mrs. Nathaniel E. Hess who is active in the affairs of our congregation is his daughter.

PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Pursuing the precedent set in recent years, the congregation will greet returning college students and those resident in New York on the Sabbath of December 29th when so many college students will be at home for the mid-winter vacation.

On Friday evening, December 29th, Rabbi Steinberg's sermon will be one relevant to the interest of college students. The Oneg Shabbat after the service will take the form of a reception to them.

On Saturday afternoon, December 30th, Rabbi and Mrs. Steinberg will receive college students at a tea from 3:30 to 5 o'clock at their home at 145 East 92nd Street. Personal invitations to this tea are being addressed to those college students in the families of our congregation of whom the office has a record. Other college students in the congregation or recent graduates are urged to feel free to visit with Rabbi and Mrs. Steinberg even though no formal invitation reaches them.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday evening, Dec. 18th
- Adult Classes
- Choral Group
- Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19th—1:30 P.M.
- Sisterhood meeting
- Tuesday evening, Dec. 19th—8:30 P.M.
- Meeting of Young Folks League
- Thursday evening, Dec. 21st
- Emigre group—8:30 P.M.
- Meeting of Synagogue Attendance Committee—8:15 P.M.
- Friday evening service, Dec. 22nd—8:30 P.M.
- Rabbi Felix Levy, Guest Preacher
- Oneg Shabbat and Reception in Vestry
- Saturday morning service, Dec. 23rd—9:30 A.M.
- Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.
- Sunday School sessions, Dec. 24th—9:45 A.M.
- Thursday evening, Dec. 28th—8:30 P.M.
- Dance of the Coteries
- Emigre group
- Friday afternoon, Dec. 29th—5 P.M.
- Junior Congregation Oneg Shabbat
- Friday evening service, Dec. 29th—8:30 P.M.
- Special Service for College Students
- Oneg Shabbat and Reception in Vestry
- Saturday morning service, Dec. 30th—9:30 A.M.
- Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.
- Saturday afternoon, Dec. 30th—3:30 P.M.
- Reception to college students at Rabbi Steinberg's home
- Sunday morning, Dec. 31st
- No Sunday School sessions

DR. TSUNADO NEXT ADULT CLASS

LECTURER JANUARY 8th

Due to the intervention of the mid-winter holidays, the Adult Classes will conduct their next session on Monday evening, January 8th. The guest lecturer in the course on Comparative Religion is to be Dr. Ryusaku Tsunado. Dr. Tsunado will speak on Shinto and Japanese Buddhism. By background and training the guest lecturer is eminently fitted for his theme. He is Curator of the Japanese Collection at Columbia University.



## **!!SISTERHOOD FLASHES!! RECORD ATTENDANCE EXPECTED**

at  
Sisterhood Meeting  
December 19, 1939  
1:30 P.M. Promptly

The most important item on the agenda of the business meeting will be the report of the Nominating Committee presented by its Chairman, Mrs. Hattie Weinberger. Everyone will want to share in the election so it is imperative that every member hear the report.

Following the business portion of the meeting, the Program Committee has arranged a very special program. It is to be a surprise and although we cannot divulge the secret, we can say that it will be an afternoon no one will want to miss. It is quite a departure from our usual program and will be most entertaining. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

Grateful appreciation is due the following florists and friends who so cheerfully donated such beautiful flowers for the Theatre Party: Mrs. Leo Guggenheimer, Hunter Florist, Alexander Florist, Spiro Florist.

## **DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The library of our Religious School though used extensively is unfortunately lacking in a number of books which are virtually indispensabilities. These books include volumes of reference, children's stories, a whole host of titles. The School Board will be happy to receive any donation of funds for this purpose.

Contributions should be addressed to Mr. Benjamin Sack, Chairman of the School Board. It is suggested that persons, desirous of celebrating happy occasions in their family circle, who wish to share their happiness can do so graciously by helping to build the school library.

## **EMIGRE GROUP PLANS INTERESTING PROGRAM**

The group of emigres who have been meeting at the Synagogue under the leadership of Rabbi Zimet have worked out a very interesting educational and social program for this season. It is their intention to meet every Thursday evening and while the meetings will be conducted in German and English, the stress will be on Americanizing themselves to their new life. They will hear specially prepared records on American history, current events reports, announcements of cultural events in New York, a course in the history of American Jewry presented by Rabbi Steinberg. A social hour will follow the educational period.

An invitation is extended to German relatives of Synagogue members to attend these meetings. Those interested are asked to communicate with Rabbi Zimet, or to be present this Thursday evening, December 21st, when the program will be inaugurated and complete plans announced.

## **THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Caro, the congratulations of the congregation upon their wedding anniversary.

The Scroll extends felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edelman upon their wedding anniversary.

To Mrs. Josephine Koenig, the sympathies of the congregation upon the passing of her husband, Judge Morris Koenig.

## **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES ABRAMS**

This issue of The Scroll will appear after the event, but on Sunday evening, December 17th, at the St. Moritz Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abrams will have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. The congregation through The Scroll expresses its felicitations to the two celebrants and to their families. The Abrams family in all its branches has for many years been identified with our Synagogue, where it has won a position of affection and esteem. The Scroll joins wholeheartedly in the chorus of congratulations.

## **THE ONEG SHABBAT A SUCCESS**

The new departure in Synagogue life inaugurated some weeks ago has been successful far beyond the expectations of its most enthusiastic advocates. With each Friday evening a larger group has adjourned to the Vestry Rooms for the social. The arrangements in the Vestry Rooms have been progressively more intimate and attractive. The atmosphere of informality after which the Supervising Committee strove has become more and more real with each successive Sabbath. Those in attendance visit with one another, join in the group singing and in the discussion. Members and friends of the congregation who have not as yet availed themselves of the treat to meet with their fellow-members under delightful circumstances and to join in the Sabbath festivities are urged to correct that omission. In its brief history the Oneg Shabbat has already proved a leavening influence in the sociability of our congregation and a contributing factor to the appreciation of Jewish religious and cultural values.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The office of the Synagogue respectfully requests that all members, seatholders and general affiliates who contemplate changing their addresses notify the office immediately in order to keep Synagogue mailing records up-to-date.

## THE SCHOOL

**Sunday School.** On Sunday morning, December 10th, a gala Chanukah entertainment was presented by the pupils of the Sunday School. It was a well-rounded program consisting of plays, dances, recitations and musical numbers. As usual the Junior Department carried off the honors. The program included the following:

1. Introductory remarks—Samuel Grand
2. Lighting of Chanukah Candles — William Putterman
3. School Singing—"Rock of Ages"
4. Senior Dramatic Club Play
5. Why Benjy Likes Chanukah — Julian Meltzer
6. Junior Dramatic Club Play
7. Piano Solo—Florence Suckno
8. School Singing led by Helen Chusid

The teachers of the Sunday School are to be congratulated on the excellence of the entertainment. Special credit is due Miss Miller, Miss Merlub and Mr. Umansky.

**Hebrew School.** Chanukah was celebrated in proper fashion by the classes of the Hebrew School. By the light of the Chanukah candles, stories were told by Mr. Grand and Rabbi Zimet. Then a series of jolly games and contests were indulged in by all. And the refreshments! Did we have a good time!

**Junior Congregation.** A delightful time was had by all the members of the Junior Congregation at a Chanukah party which was held in their honor on Sunday afternoon, December 10th. The highlight of the program was an amateur contest which revealed hidden talent in Ruth Weisbart and Joyce Katz.

Recent indications point to gratifying results in the Jewish National Fund campaign. The goal of \$100 which was collected last year will very likely be exceeded this year. Jonathan Oseas has done outstanding work in this campaign, bringing in single-handedly over \$9.00. Prizes will be awarded at the next Sunday School assembly.

On Sunday, December 31st, there will be no sessions of the Sunday School. Regular classes will be conducted on Sunday, December 24th.

The first issue of "The Scroll", the student newspaper published by the Journalism Club, appeared on the occasion of Chanukah. Judged by standards of literary and artistic criticism, it is one of the finest publications put out by Religious Schools.

## YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The Philanthropic Committee of the Young Folks League has the pleasure to report that the League was the donor of twenty Chanukah baskets. It is interesting to note that the recipients of these baskets were in dire need and were truly worthy cases. The League is to be commended on its able cooperation. A Chanukah party followed the distribution of the baskets. Miss Doris Blankstein acted as hostess.

On December 9th at our Charity Entertainment and Dance, a galaxy of stars contributed to the evening's entertainment, including Allen Chester of radio fame, Moana and Lee, Dr. Furst, internationally known magician, Carol Bruce of the Scandals, and Rosalie Gordon, tap dancer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 19th. Our usual interesting program and social hour are available to our members and guests.

Plans for our concert are making rapid strides and we ask the readers of the Scroll to keep Saturday night, January 27th, as an open date.

## WITH THE COTERIES

Among the future joint affairs of the Coteries are an informal dance at the Synagogue on Thursday evening, December 28th, and a swimming party at the Park Central Hotel on Saturday evening, December 30th. The Junior Coterie will hold a social meeting on Saturday evening, December 23rd.

On Sunday afternoon, December 17th, the Coterie conducted the second in its series of discussions on "Jewish Cultural Life" at the home of Dorothy Goldman. Rabbi Steinberg was the main speaker. A social followed the discussion.

Young people who are interested in joining one of the Coteries are advised that the new third club is still open to membership. For further information, please communicate with the Synagogue office.